TO : Deputy Director for Coordination
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: OAS Attempt to Enlist the Cooperation of the United States for its anti-de Gaulle Activities

1. In May 1961, an attempt was made [redacted] by two members of the Organisation de l'Armee Secrete (OAS) to enlist the support of the United States Government [redacted] in their operations against de Gaulle. The attempt was made by Captain Jean Rene Souetre [redacted] Captain Souetre identified himself in the OAS organization as coordinator of external affairs serving under Major [redacted] Souetre said that he foresaw the U. S. role as that of contacting other governments to cease suppressing OAS activities in their respective countries, and later perhaps providing monetary or material support. Souetre said he intended to provide some information about the activities of his organization which would be of interest to the U. S. In answer to a question on his status [redacted] Souetre explained that he travelled on various passports, one of them being a U. S. passport. He claimed to be documented as a naturalized citizen from Martinique. He stated that he had U. S. contacts who could arrange documentation.

2. [redacted] representative told Souetre that de Gaulle was the Chief of State of an old and respected ally of the U. S.; and that the U. S. had absolutely no intention of working with any person or group against the duly-constituted government of France.

3. Available information [redacted] indicates that Souetre is the name of a former French army captain who escaped from a detention camp in 1961. Subsequent to

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his career he was alleged to have been involved in an assassination attempt against de Gaulle. Soucire was born on 15 October 1930 in the Gironde Department of France. [redacted]

4. The information on the departure of the two OAS officers to the [redacted] has been made available to the American Ambassador. [redacted]

5. The intelligence information on OAS intentions which was provided by [redacted] will be disseminated as CSDB-3/655,207.

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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